Public Works 1938 Department.

M9 SERIES.

G.O. No. 929

DATED 10-5-1938

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ferries - South Kanara - Coondapoor taluk - Kodi ferry - Transfer of managements to Panchayat Board - Orders.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
24 NOV 1937
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

N.Dis.C.No.8450 -C5- 37.

Endorsement by M.R.Ry. Dewan Bahadur B.Mahabala Hegde, Avl., B.A.B.L., President, District Board, South Kanara, Mangalor

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Submitted to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local Administration Department. Madras

2. The average annual income of the Ferry in question is Rs.380-0-0. The District Board is not in favour of transferring the management of ferries to the Panchayat Boards as it is of opinion that the revenue of the District Board which is already on the decline as a result of the constitution of Panchayat Boards, would further be depleted if ferries which are a source of substantial income to the Board are transferred to the Panchayat Boards. Besides the Panchayat Boards cannot afford to employ proper staff for the effective supervision of ferries. For these reasons the District Board has not complied with the requests of the Panchayat Boards of Malpe. Mulky and others for the transfer of ferries within their jurisdictions. It is in pursuance of this policy of the District Board that the request of the Panchayat Board of Coondapoor to transfer the Management of the Kodi Ferry was rejected.

Camp Coondapoor,
dated 13th November 1937.

President.

ABK/20/11.

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R.C.No.272-P/37

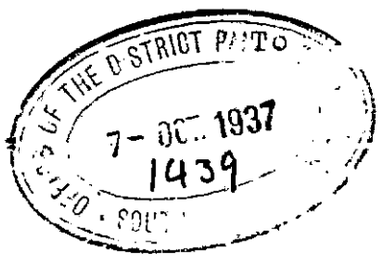
Panchayat Board Office
Coondapoor, 30-9-1937.

From

M.R.Ry., K.Rama Bhatji, Avergal,

President, Panchayat Board

Coondapoor, South Kanara District.



The Secretary, to the Government of Madras,

Local & Self-Government Department,

M A D R A S.

Through

The District Panchayat Officer,

South Kanara, Mangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Ferries - transfer- Kodi ferry to the Coondapoor Panchayat Board by the South Kanara District Board -requested.

Reference: Resolution No.128 dated 30-8-1937 of the Coondapoor Panchayat Board.

"Kodi" is a hamlet and thus part of Coondapoor which is composed of Coondapoor Revenue village, for which this Panchayat is formed. There being a sea light-house there and it being densely populated on account of itself being a good commercial centre of internal trade and a peninsula, improvement in communication is an urgent necessity

2. In view of the fact that the jurisdiction of the Coondapoor Panchayat Board extends to Kodi, this Board requested the President, District Board, South Kanara, to transfer the Kodi Ferry to this Panchayat, so that we may be able to improve the conditions of Kodi, by the income derived from the ferry. But the reply received in F.Dis. 10829/D1/36 dated 24-12-1936, from the President District Board, South Kanara, is a negative one, and the agitation of the inhabitants of Kodi is still growing.

3. Moreover in notification R.Dis.600/A2/36 dated 21-7-1937 of the President, District Board, South Kanara,

all the roads in the Coondapoor Panchayat area, measuring five miles, 2 furlongs, and 109 yards, except the coast road, have been transferred to this Board for its future maintenance. I need hardly point out that in the whole of South Kanara District, only the Coondapoor Panchayat Board has to maintain such a length of Roads with an annual income of about Rs.5,000/-. Further, another reference to the President, District Board, South Kanara, to part with a portion of the Provincial Motor Vehicles Tax received from the Government, since every Bus companies, ply their services, on the Panchayat Roads, was declined. In this state it is rather difficult for a Panchayat like this to effect any sort of improvement in Kodi.

4 Because of the fact that the jurisdiction of this Board extends to Kodi, in the interest of public, improvements have to be done therealso, and under the above circumstances the Board in its resolution No.128 dated 30-8-1937 (copy enclosed) has resolved to address the Government to induce the South Kanara District Board to transfer the ferry in question to this Board, so that the Panchayat may be able to redress the grievances of the inhabitants of Kodi to certain extent.

5. May I request you, therefore, that you may be pleased to make necessary arrangements in the matter at an early date. A list of normal receipts and expenditure of the Panchayat Board for the years 1935-36, 1936-37, and 1937-38, is herewith appended with the description of the staff employed, for your kind perusal

Your obedient servant,

K. R. Bhat

President,
Coondapoor Panchayat Board.

B.S.30/9.

Extract from the proceedings of the meeting of the Coondapoor Panchayat Board, dated the 30th August 1937.

128. To resolve that the Government of Madras be moved to induce the South Kanara District Board, to transfer the Kodi ferry to this Board, in view of the fact that the jurisdiction of the Coondapoor Panchayat Board extends to Kodi, a hamlet of Coondapoor.

Resolved unanimously to address the Government.

(Sd) K.R.Bhatji,
President.

(True extract & translation)

Panchayat Board Office,
Coondapoor, 30-9-1937.
B.S/30.9.

President,
Coondapoor Panchayat Board.

A P P E N.D I-X

List of normal receipts and expenditure of the Coondapoor Pancha-Yat Board, for the years 1935-36, 1936-37 and 1937-38, with the description of the staff employed.

1935-1936.

(from 26.8.1935 to 31.3.1936) though the Board was constituted in the month of April, it only commenced its operation from 26.8.1935

Receipts.	Rs. as. ps.	Expenditure.	Rs. as. ps.
Land cess.	189 -0- 0	Salaries and allowances. ...	96 -0- 0
Profession tax.	412 -8- 0	Contingencies.	60 -2-10
Entertainment tax.	42 -9- 0	Election expenses.	5 -0- 0
Scavenging fees	346 -6- 0	Lighting expenses.	325-10- 0
Other receipts.	5 -6- 0	Scavanging staff and contingencies.	213-12- 0
Market receipts	941 -1- 4	Roads sweeping and watering.	281 -0- 0
Cart-stand receipts.	175 -0- 0		
Avenue receipts.	3 -5- 0		
Rent & produce of lands.	9 -9- 0		
Licence fee.	251 -9- 0		
Advance by the District Board.	112 -0- 0		
	2,479 -5- 4		981 -8-10

1936 -1937.

Opening balance.	1,498 -0- 0	Salaries & allowances.	240 -0- 0
Land cess.	189 -0- 0	Contingencies.	90 -0- 0
Profession-tax	750 -0- 0	Lighting.	670 -0- 0
Scavanging fees.	505 -0- 0	Roads maintenance.	1,200 -0- 0
Market receipts.	1,521 -0- 0	Rewards for destruction of dogs.	38 -2- 0
Cart-stand receipts.	350 -0- 0	Scavenging staff & contingencies	505 -0- 0
Licence fees.	250 -0- 0	Roads sweeping & watering	680 -0- 0
Amount due from the District Board.	1,200 -0- 0	Market repairs	600 -0- 0
	6,263 -0- 0		4,023 -2- 0

1937 -1938.

Opening balance.	2,240 -0- 0	Salaries & allowances.	240 -0- 0
Land cess	189 -0- 0	Contingencies.	100 -0- 0
Profession-tax.	800 -0- 0	Collection Estb	180 -0- 0
Scavenging fees.	500 -0- 0	Lighting.	1,000 -0- 0
Market receipts.	1,511 -0- 0	Destruction of dogs.	40 -0- 0
Cart-stand receipts.	340 -0- 0	Scavenging staff & contingencies.	505 -0- 0
Licence fees	250 -0- 0	Roads sweeping & watering.	1000 -0- 0
		Market repairs.	950 -0- 0
		Roads maintenance	1,200 -0- 0
		Maintenance charges of the stud buffalo.	180 -0- 0
			5,395 -0- 0

Description of the establishment.

	Rs. as.ps.
Clerk. ...	20 -0- 0
Conservancy peon.	18 -0- 0
Bill-collector.	15 -0- 0
Four scavengers @ Rs.10/ each.	40 -0- 0
Four sweepers, 3 at Rs.10 each) and one at Rs.8/-)	38 -0- 0
	131 -0- 0

Panchayat Board Office,
Coondapoor, 30-9-1937.

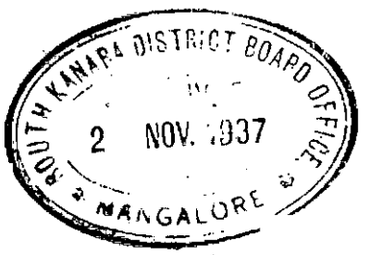
K. R. Bhatji
President,
Coondapoor Panchayat Board.

B.S.30/9.

N.Dis.No.1439-37.

Here enter letter dated 30-9-37 of the President Panchyat B. Coondapur regarding transfer of Kodi ferry to the control of the Panchayat Board.

Submitted through the President District Board South Kanara for favourable consideration.



1/11/37
District Panchayat Officer,
South Kanara.

P.W. Deptt

Endt. No 4375-d/37-1 d 6-12-37.

Fences - South Kenara -
Kodi ferry - transfer to
Coondapore Panchayat
Board - Refer From
the P.D.B. South Kenara
N.Dis. C. No 8450-C5-37
dated 13-11-37.

Referred to the Bdg
Rev for remarks.

6/12/37

To

The Bdg Rev with
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be retd with reply

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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FERRIES - South Kanara - Coondapur taluk - Kodi ferry - Transfer to Coondapur Panchayat Board - Report - submitted.

E.P. Rout. No. 1116.

Station Madras. , *Dated the* 18th March 1938 19

From

D.I.R.Muir Esq.,I.C.S.,

JOINT Secretary, (L.R & S)

Board of Revenue.

C.A.Henderson Esq.,C.S.I.,V.D.,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Settlement.

Read:

Govt Public Works Department Endt.No. 4375.37.1 dated 6-12-1937

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Resolution.

The Board submits to the Government copies of the reports received from the Collector of South Kanara and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Coondapur.

2. The request of the Panchayat Board that the management of the ferry may be transferred to it has been made with a view to improving its own funds at the expense of the District Board. The report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Coondapur, shows that the Panchayat Board does not wish, for its own reasons, to impose house tax.

There is no indication that the request has been made in the interests of the efficiency of the ferry, nor has this aspect of the case been very definitely dealt with by

the President of the District Board, the Revenue Divisional Officer or the Collector. The Board has therefore no specific recommendation to make on the request.

for Joint Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government,
Public Works Department
with enclosures returned and a sketch also with copies of reports of the Collector of South Kanara and the Revenue Divisional Officer Coondapur.

PRD.18.3.
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Letter from M.R.Ry.Rao Bahadur M.V.Vellodi Avl B.A., Collector of South Kanara, D.Dis.73.38 dated 19.2.38

Ferries - South Kanara - Coondapur taluk - Kodi Ferry - transfer to Coondapoor Panchayat Board.

Board's Ref. G.No.7720.37 dated 21-12-1937.

I enclose a sketch showing the position of the Kodi Ferry. The Ferry is one of the 110 ferries the management of which was transferred to the District Board South Kanara, in G.O. 834 Financial dated 1-9-1891.

2. The ferry lies entirely within the limits of the Coondapoor Panchayat Board and connects the main portion of Coondapoor Town with a hamlet lying across the river by the side of the sea, called Kodi. The pathway on the western side of the ferry leads to the sea while in the eastern side of the ferry there is a Panchayat road which connects the ferry with the Coast road North maintained by the District Board.

3. The proposal of transfer is supported by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Coondapoor, a copy of whose report is enclosed. I agree with him for the reasons stated in paragraph 2 above.

Copy of letter from the Revenue Divisional Officer. Coondapoor, to the Collector of South Kanara, L.Dis 860-38 dated 13-2-1938.

Ferries - (South Kanara) - Coondapoor Taluk Kodi ferry - Transfer to Coondapoor Panchayat Board - Your R.O.C. 73/38-B4 dated 6-1-38 report submitted.

Letter from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Coondapur to the Collector of South Kanara. L.Dis.860-38 dated 13th February 1938.

Ferries -- (South Kanara) Coondapur taluk - Kodi ferry - Transfer to Coondapoor Panchayat Board -Your Roc. 73/38-B4 dated 6.1.38 report submitted.

Kodi which is a hamlet of Coondapoor forms a narrow strip of sandy land along the coast, separated from the main land, on two other sides by the Arabian sea and the back waters. It is about 2½ miles long, and half mile broad, and is connected only on the south with Koteshwar village as shown in the enclosed sketch. The houses are found roughly in three parallel roads, and little is required to be done for improvement of sanitation. People living in the northern portion use the ferry for crossing the backwaters to reach Coondapoor village, which is the market place for all villages in the neighbourhood and the residents of the south use as short cut, two foot-bridges across two thodus falling in the backwaters to get to the coast road, which leads to Coondapoor. It is not easy to form a road in the middle, as desired by the residents, owing to the difficulty in conveyance of road materials, and the non-availability of Government waste land, The Panchayat Board which has not till now done anything, can form a broad footpath in the middle with lights. The Panchayat Board is maintaining a road on the side of Coondapoor up to the ferry. Kodi, which has a light house, is used for sea bath by the residents of Coondapoor, on ceremonial occasions.

he weekly shandy and the proximity of the northern portions
f the district are some of the factors contributing to the
mportance of Coondapoor, which has more urban than rural
ppearance. The finances of the Board consisting mostly of fees
n professions and market, are not large, but the Panchayat
oard does not for its own reasons, want to levey house tax
ow to augment the finances. The Board now claims the control
ver the ferry, which is within Panchayat Board limits, obviously 15
o effect improvements in Kodi and as a sort recompense for
aintenance of the road leading to the ferry.

3. It is not known if the ferry has been notified under
The Canals and Public Ferries Act" and the available copy
"Local Rules and Orders" does not refer to this. The
istrict Board objects to the transfer of this ferry on
ounds of loss of its revenue, and inability of the Panchayat
oard to effectively supervise it.

The ferry is situated within the limits of the Panchayat Board, and is meant to connect two portions of the Board. The approach to the ferry is maintained by the Panchayat which can know the local requirements, and one of the members of the Board resides in Kodi. The back waters, over which the ferry is used, is about a furlong broad in the low tide, and what the lessee, who is a resident in Panchayat Board, has to do is to keep a few small boats. Very little has to be done by way of supervision, for the District Board does not maintain any boats, and it is the villager who knows best, if the lessee has sufficient number of boats or not. According to my enquiry the lessee collects in many cases his remuneration from the residents in grain and cocoanuts annually. The Panchayat Board has a clerk, and menial establishment for supervision The ferry may be transferred to the Panchayat Board and the loss to the District Board, which has to improve Panchayat Boards, is not great.

Ferries - South Kanara - Coondapoor taluk - Kodi ferry - Transfer to Panchayat Board - Coondapoor.

C.No.4375 D/37 cf From the P.D.B. South Kanara No.N.Dis.C.8450-C5-37, dated 13-11-1937.

/8 cf Endt. to the Board of Rev. No.4375 D/37-1, dated 6th December 1937.

/9 cf From the Board of Revenue No.B.P.Rt.No.1116 d/18-5-38.

The proposal is for the transfer of the management of the ferry at Kodi from the District Board, South Kanara, to the Panchayat Board, Coondapoor.

The main claims of the Panchayat Board are

(1) that the ferry lies within the Panchayat Board limits.

(2) that the finances of the Board are poor, and

(3) that the conditions of Kodi village ~~have to~~ can be improved only from the income of the ferry.

The District Board is not in favour of the proposal for the reason that its income will be depleted and that the Panchayat Board cannot afford to employ proper staff for the effective supervision of the ferry.

2. The R.D.O. and the Collector support the request of the Panchayat Board for the reasons given at pages 11-13 c.f. The Board of Revenue has not made any specific recommendation on the plea that the question whether the request has been made in the interests of the efficiency of the ferry has not been definitely dealt with.

3. The principle generally followed in such cases in the past was, to vest the management of a ferry in a panchayat Board if the ferry does not connect any

District Board on trunk roads, if any ~~trunk~~ roads are connected , to vest it in the authority charged with the maintenance of the road even though the ferry may be within a Panchayat Board limits.

In the present case, it is stated that all the roads in the Coondapoor Panchayat area have been transferred to the Panchayat Board for maintenance except the coast road which is connected to the ferry by a Panchayat road. It appears therefore that all the roads connected to the ferry are being maintained only by the Panchayat Board and on this basis the Collector's recommendation is in order.

4. The average annual income of the ferry is Rs.380/- and is likely to help substantially the Panchayat Board in the matter of improving the conditions at Kodi, while the corresponding loss to the District Board is not ~~appreciable~~ appreciable. The R.D.O. has reported that the claim has been made by the Panchayat Board obviously to effect improvements to Kodi village and as a sort of recompense for the maintenance of the road leading to the ferry.

5. As regards the efficient supervision of the ferry complained of by the District Board, it is observed from the R.D.O.'s report that there is a clerk and a menial establishment for supervision. So there appears to be no reason to think that the ferry which is a source of revenue to the Panchayat Board will be neglected by it.

6. In connection with the transfer of Chinchinada ferry from the District Board, Narasapur to the Panchayat Board, the Collector of West Godavari has observed as follows:-

"A Panchayat Board of the village in which the ferry

is situated would look after it with greater interest and keenness than the District Board and this enterprise of the Panchayat Board is a thing to be encouraged.

7. In the above circumstances, it seems the proposal to transfer the ferry to the Panchayat Board as recommended by the Collector may be approved.

This is however a matter for L.A.D. to consider and advise if the file may be sent to that department for remarks.

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P.W.D. No 4375D/37-2
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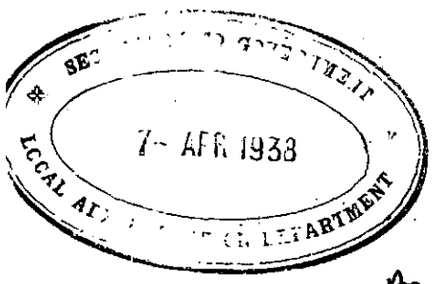

The remarks of P. W.D. in para 7 above may be agreed to in this department & the case returned to P.W.D. who may be requested to circulate the same to Hon MLA

Asst. P° 10224-1 Mrs
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P.W.D.

P.W. Asst

A draft order is submitted
The file may be circulated to Hons (P.W) & L.A.

The note from page 1 ante may be read

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HM (PW)

HM (LA)

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SUBJECT: Cows - South Kanara - Coondapoor taluk - Kodi ferry - Transfer of management to Taluq Board - orders

READ AGAIN Govt No 834 Fin., dated 1-9-~~19~~ 1891 (X)

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READ *ALSO*:—

No. From the P.W.B. South Kanara No. , dated 13-11- 1937. Cf

" I " Bd of Rev. " 10-1-Rev-1110 " 18-3- 1938. pp 9-10 Cf

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Order ~~Resolution~~ Ms. No. 929, dated 19 38

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requests that the management of the ferry at Kodi village & the income derived from it may be assigned to it on the ground that it lies within the limits of the Taluq Bd, that the finances of the Bd are poor & that the amenities of Kodi village can be improved only from the income of the ferry. The Dt Board, South Kanara under whose control the ferry is at present, is opposed to the proposal as the

A Rs 1000 scheme of improvements to the Kodi village can be carried out.

ground that its income will be depleted & that the Panchayat Bd cannot afford to employ proper staff for the effective supervision of the ferry

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The Collector who was consulted supports the proposal of the Panchayat Board

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V/ It is observed that all the roads in the Coondapoor Panchayat Board area have been transferred to the Dt for maintenance except the Coast road & that the roads connected to the ferry also are being maintained only by the Panchayat Board.

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The average annual income of the ferry 380/- & this is likely to help substantially the Panchayat Board in the matter of improving the conditions at Kodi while the corresponding loss to the Dt Board will not be appreciable

Hlg.

para 4 of 2 ng

Power Note 7

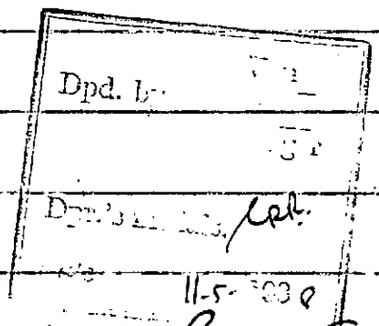
As regards the efficiency of the supervision ~~of~~ ~~the Dt Board if~~ ~~Complained of by the Dt Bd,~~ ~~to Bd D.O. Coondapoor has~~ it is reported that the Panchayat Board has a clerk & menial establishment for supervision and there is no reason to ~~by the Dt Bd~~ that the ferry which is a source of income to the Panchayat Board will be neglected by it.

M.C. passed by the Dt. Board if transferred to the Panchayath

Compl 13-7.

Para 5 sup 2-7.

The Govt therefore Consider that there is no valid objection to entrust the management of the ferry to the Panchayat Bd. They accordingly direct under Sec 11 of the Canals & Public Ferries Act 1890 (Madras Act II of 1890) that the management of the Kodi ferry be withdrawn from the Dt Bd, South Kanara & assigned to the Panchayat Board, Coondapoor



To The Bd of Revenue
" Collr of South Kanara
" P.D.B. / do
" President Panchayat Bd, Coondapoor, South Kanara
" L. of Debts

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